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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Election/Restriction Requirement dated February 1, 2005, the period for response to which extends through March 1, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-17), and Group II (claims 18-19). The Examiner further required an election of species between the invention identified in the Office Action as species A (Figs. 1-17), species B (Figs. 18-35), and species C (Figs. 36-43).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention identified in the Office Action as species B (Figs. 18-35), within Group I, for examination. At least claims 1-6, 8-12, 13 and 17 are readable on the elected species, within Group I. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37

C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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